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PASS THE RECLAMATION BILL.

Within a few days a bill will be presented to the legislature covering the "Waikiki reclamation scheme," which includes a plan to divert the dirty stream now flowing across Waikiki beach into the sea between the Moana Hotel and the Outrigger club. The bill should have the unanimous support of Honolulu. It should pass the legislature without delay. The increase in the "revolving fund" necessary to carry out its provisions should be granted by the law-makers.

The Waikiki reclamation scheme has been drafted by Superintendent of Public Works Forbes with the strong approval of the governor, who years ago saw the possibilities and the necessities of improving this section of the city and draining its wet lands. Within recent years the stream that empties into the ocean has become more and more obnoxious and simultaneously the crowds of bathers have become larger. Another year should not be allowed to pass without the ending of what has become a nuisance and a disgrace to one of the most famous bathing-beaches in the world.

A NEW SENSATION.

Dr. Purley A. Baker, national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, received a distinctly new sensation on his visit to Hawaii.

He found the children of the public and private schools imbued with patriotism of a peculiarly vivid kind. In every public school he saw them—white and brown and black and yellow, Caucasians, Polynesians, Malaysians, children of Europe and children of America and children of the Orient—rise and salute with obvious enthusiasm and sincerity the Stars and Stripes, sing America's patriotic songs, repeat the words that stand for love of country and honor of nation.

"I never saw in the states children sing our national hymns as yours of Hawaii do; they know the songs better than the youngsters of the mainland. I never saw anything like the spontaneity of their salute to the flag," said Dr. Baker, and his travel companion, J. A. Metcalf, added his own indorsement.

There are a good many people on the mainland who would profit by a visit to the islands—whose conception of Hawaii would be materially changed. Incidentally, it is worth while noting that Dr. Baker was materially impressed with the wide scope of public and private welfare work carried on in Hawaii, and agreed with the conviction of those in Hawaii who know that no plantation, for instance, could under free trade in sugar continue the present large expenditures for welfare work among the employees.

CITY SUPPORT FOR THE PLAYGROUNDS.

Support and to some extent direction of children's playgrounds in Honolulu is a proper function of the municipality and it is gratifying to see that the board of supervisors seems entirely ready to help the playgrounds movement.

Some mention was made last night that the Republican platform pledges the supervisors to aid the playgrounds. That is true, but the political factor is subordinate, and rightly so, to the social welfare consideration. Honolulu doesn't want the playgrounds "in politics." We assume that the supervisors don't for a minute intend to put the playgrounds in politics—that is, in patronage politics.

For years the playgrounds have been operated and developed under a private organization. It has done splendid work. Until the city is further advanced toward a department of public welfare, or something of that sort, it will be wise to allow the management of the playgrounds to continue along the present lines, with a representative of the city or a committee acting in an advisory capacity, as is appropriate if the city furnishes financial support.

The willing cooperation shown last night should make easy the detail of arrangement.

It is never too late to say a good word. A number of Carnival patrons have expressed to the Star-Bulletin their satisfaction with the seating arrangements, which were handled on the whole in an efficient manner. The man in charge of the seating was Raymond C. Brown. The bouquets should go to him and his assistants and ushers.

SENATORIAL ZEAL FOR ECONOMY.

For the senate's apparent zeal for economy the Star-Bulletin has only the highest praise but on some of the definite steps to that end it must find fault. Such a step is the proposed change in rules providing for a reference committee to which all bills shall first be submitted and which would have the power, if it found the bill to be valueless, to throw the bill out immediately, thus saving the cost of printing. In defense of this it is said that many senators introduce bills in which they themselves have no faith and the printing of which is a mere waste of money.

The logical flaw of the reference committee scheme is obvious. In the first place, it would give a small body of men absolute power and would furnish a dangerously easy means of "burying" bills that a small but powerful clique might be interested in having easily suppressed. In the second place, there is something ludicrous in the confession of the necessity of giving the senators a weapon with which to guard themselves against their own foolishness. If it is true that certain senators are in the habit of introducing bills they know cannot pass and do not themselves favor, by far the easiest method would be to refrain from so doing.

President Chillingworth's public statement that in at least six instances senators had introduced measures having so little merit that they themselves did not want to vote for them and then appealed to him in private to be excused from casting their ballot—that statement is not flattering to the senators nor encouraging to the taxpayers.

Another phase of the matter is that many measures which in their original printed form do not deserve to pass—and in fact may be nearly valueless—nevertheless lead to healthy discussion which ultimately crystallizes in good legislation. Were these bills to be buried in a reference committee, the value of public discussion would be lost. As a matter of fact, half of the legislation of 1915 is worked out in the discussions of 1915 on measures that cannot and do not now deserve to pass.

About the easiest thing a legislator can do is to accuse the printing-offices of having a personal interest in seeing that all the bills possible are introduced and printed. This makes it rather difficult for a newspaper connected with a publishing-office to speak out on a subject such as that now commented upon. But even the most suspicious of our senatorial friends—even those who suspect everybody's motives, including their own—know that the greatest safeguard of popular government is wide publicity, and that money spent on printing bills and thus making them available for general scrutiny is money saved. For it breeds interest among the people, among the taxpayers, and they will all the more closely watch the general administration of their public affairs.

If the senators wish to save public money—and the Star-Bulletin believes from their actions that they do—why shouldn't they hear prospective bills read through in committee of the whole, and then, if the bills are obviously foolish, summarily consign them to the wastebasket. Of course this would take time but as a matter of fact, the senate has had a great deal of idle time on its hands this session. It would have the advantage of putting the entire bill before the entire senate. It is presumed that the senators in their zeal for economy are willing to take the extra trouble to handle foolish measures by this method. Are they?

"Federal Action May Drive Booze From the Territory." Public sentiment is already doing it, sometimes slowly but always surely.

Watchful waiting can also be done from a fleet at Guantanamo Bay.

Among the popular war decorations is the Mexican Double-Cross.

Cupid has now taken his seat in the legislature.

More playgrounds, less reformatories and jails.

Entering the Greek cabinet bears a remarkable resemblance to volunteering for a forlorn hope.

The lesson to Uncle Sam is, in time of war prepare for war.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

SMOKING IN STREET CARS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
Sir: An item in your last night's issue says that this week there will probably be introduced into the house of representatives a resolution to allow smoking on the rear platform of the Rapid Transit cars. Will you kindly give me space to express my feeling on the subject.

In the first place I think that smoking on cars is solely a regulation belonging to the car company and not to the legislature.

Some time ago a conductor told me that he was personally very glad of the rule "no smoking" for he had been a conductor for mainland companies where smoking was allowed on the rear end of cars and that it was a constant contest against the encroachments of smokers; there are always with us a certain proportion who are selfish enough to be perfectly indifferent to rules or the feelings of others, so long as they themselves are taking enjoyment, and it is just such men that would make the trouble, some of them now even attempt it; the community has a right to expect pure air and clean cars and are now getting both, and ladies as well as gentlemen who prefer these conditions are riding in comfort.

A man recently expressed himself to me as much pleased with the Rapid Transit's management of cars, speaking in particular of the gentlemanly conductors, the absence of smoking and clean floors; that in consequence he frequently took his wife and children for a car ride.

The above is but one illustration; it will not be necessary to enlarge, but for myself I say that I and my own family use the cars constantly because they are comfortable and clean, and these very conditions have served as a strong factor in keeping us from purchasing an automobile.

The idea of using only the rear

and for smoking is nonsense, for it would be in constant aggression to use the whole car; this has been experienced elsewhere, and Honolulu would not be an exception. I hope the Rapid Transit management will not be foolish enough to change present conditions.

CITIZEN.

AFFIRMS RUSSIA'S STAND.

Harbin, January 14, 1915.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: I am in receipt of a telegram from the chief editor of the Russkoye Slovo, Moscow, and as you no doubt have read telegrams issued by the Ost-Asiatische Lloyd and the Deutsch-Übersee-Anstalt, you are perfectly aware several statements supposed to have been previously published in the Russkoye Slovo have appeared in these German communications. As these statements are absolutely false and without foundation, I shall be much obliged if you will kindly publish in your columns the translation of the original contradiction I have received from Moscow, which has special reference to a German communication stating that Russia should conclude a separate peace with Germany and which I send herewith.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, yours faithfully,
Z. KLEOREN.

Representative of the Russkoye Slovo in the Far East.
Translation of the telegram, dated Moscow, December 25; Jan. 15: Kleoren, Harbin.

The German papers are circulating the infamous libel that the Russkoye Slovo demands the conclusion of peace with Germany without Russia's reference to the Allies. The editor of the Russkoye Slovo takes the responsibility of stating on behalf of the Russkoye Slovo that his paper, as well as all classes of the Russian people demand that the war should be carried to an end, until the full annihilation of Prussian militarism and the establishing in Europe of a realm of righteousness and justice.

(Signed) F. FLAGOFF,
Chief editor of the Russkoye Slovo.
Harbin, January 14, 1915.

Personal Mention

ALEXANDER M. McBRIDE, Walter D. McBride, John Kamaunui and the McBride chauffeur, who arrived here from Kauai Sunday and were joined in Honolulu by Mrs. D. P. R. Jaenber, sister of the McBrides, left in the Matsonia yesterday for California, to visit the mother of the McBride brothers and Mrs. Jaenber.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—T. L. CASEWELL, Portland: It seems to me that Honolulu's country roads are better than the city streets. The auto driver must be wary of the numerous holes on main streets withing sight of the Promotion Committee's office.

—JACK LONDON: As a Socialist I have always the ideal of a world without war, but I recognize that I am living in the world today. When I am in a country of gun-fighters, I want a gun, and I want the best make of gun possible. When we live in an age of arbitrament by arms, we want an army that can fight and fight effectively.

—A. G. M. ROBERTSON: Whether or not the Hawaiian race is to pass into extinction depends principally upon the capacity of the people to help themselves. Through efforts at industry, thrift and sobriety they will have to lift themselves out of the old rut they have been following and get into a position where they can properly feed, clothe and care for their children. Such efforts should be instilled by the part-Hawaiian leaders of intelligence and should be encouraged and rewarded by the employers of labor. In poverty tuberculosis has a great friend.

EXCURSIONISTS TO SWIM AT KAILUA BEACH

A region seldom visited by tourists will be invaded on Sunday by the Outdoor Promotion Committee, when it will conduct a party in an autobus from the promotion committee rooms to Kailua beach on windward Oahu. The bus will leave here at 3:30 o'clock.

DWELLINGS FOR RENT.

FURNISHED HOUSES.		
1145 Adams Lane	4 bedrooms	\$40.00
2222 Kalia road, Waikiki	2 bedrooms	50.00
Upper Manoa road	2 bedrooms	40.00
Tantalus	3 bedrooms	45.00
UNFURNISHED HOUSES.		
1145 Gulick Ave., Kailua	2 bedrooms	\$35.00
1475 Thurston Ave.	5 bedrooms	40.00
1522 Whittier Ave.	2 bedrooms	40.00
1226 Kapiolani St.	3 bedrooms	40.00
1811a Kalia road, Waikiki	3 bedrooms	35.00
Ferdinand and Adelphi Sts., Manoa	2 bedrooms	45.00
Kunawale lane, off Liliha St.	3 bedrooms	30.00
Cottages Nos. 2 and 3, Auld lane	2 bedrooms	18.00
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JURY AT SCENE OF ALLEGED DOPE ROBBERY

The jury in the Scully-Lewis robbery trial journeyed to Kailua shortly before noon today to inspect the house in which Scully and Lewis are alleged to have held up and robbed Chan Chun, a Chinese, the evening of February 3.

The prosecution has not finished the introduction of its evidence, although each of the three Chinese who aver they were victims of Scully, Lewis and two unknown "gunmen" have given their testimony. Ah Tim, the second Chinese, finished his story on cross-examination this morning and the jury then heard the corroborative tale of the third man, Ayan. All three have been questioned closely by counsel for the defense, but to spectators at the hearing the cross-examination apparently failed to break down their story.

Lawyers for the defense, in fact, appeared to make no serious effort to confuse them. This has served to increase interest in the version which the defense will give of the affair.

FEDERAL CHARGE CAUSES ARREST OF C. G. MURASKY

It was reported at the city hall this afternoon that Murasky would be suspended by Mayor Lane and the board of supervisors. The mayor and supervisors were in conference this afternoon.

Charles G. Murasky, city building inspector, who was fined \$225 by the police court for reckless driving last week, now faces a statutory charge in the federal court. He was arrested by Marshal Smiddy late yesterday and is under \$500 bonds pending a hearing before Commissioner Curry next Saturday. The woman involved in the case, whose name is given as Angelina Hogan, is under \$250 bonds.

The federal authorities will give out little information on the affair when the time comes to present its case. Unless special afternoon court sessions are held it looks doubtful whether the trial will be finished this week.

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Cor. Park and 14th Ave., Kaimuki	2 bedrooms	40.00
Kinohi and Makiki Sts.	3 bedrooms	50.00

UNFURNISHED

1328 Kinohi St.	3 bedrooms	\$35.00
1877 Kalakaua Ave.	3 bedrooms	20.00
1126 King St.	5 bedrooms	50.00
Cor. Wilder Ave. and Alex. St.	2 bedrooms	30.00
2015 Oahu Ave., Manoa	2 bedrooms	30.00
Cor. Mokuauia and Colburn Sts.		
Kailua	3 bedrooms	15.00
1454 Thurston Ave.	2 bedrooms	27.50
1646 King St.	2 bedrooms	20.00
202 Wilkie St. and Puunui Ave.	4 bedrooms	50.00
1251 Laniallo St.	3 bedrooms	40.00
Kewalo St.	3 bedrooms	30.00
1313 Makiki Ave.	3 bedrooms	27.50
1226 Matlock Ave.	2 bedrooms	20.00
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